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A STABILIZER COMBINATION FOR HALOGEN-CONTAINING THERMOPLASTIC RESIN COMPOSITIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows prior to calculation of the filing fees and prior to examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice and substitute claims 14-26 therefor in the application.

- 14. A stabilizer combination for halogen-containing thermoplastic resins, comprising:
- a) calcium oxide and/or calcium hydroxide, where these, where appropriate, may have been surface-modified, and have a particle size of not more than 200 μ m;
 - b) at least one tin compound of the general formula (I)

 $R_n Sn(X-R')_{4-n} \qquad \qquad (I)$

Where

n is 1 or 2;

